



Wisconsin Medicaid Fact Sheet

“Backdating” (Or Retroactive Eligibility)

Medicaid may help pay bills you had up to three months before the day you applied, if you met eligibility requirements for those months. (This does not pertain to BadgerCare applicants.)

If you were eligible any time up to three months before the month you applied, your application may be “backdated” even if you are not eligible in the month you apply.

That means you may still get help paying bills you had one, two, or three months before you applied, or for any combination of those months (if you were eligible in those months).

You may get bills paid for pregnancy expenses you had in the months before you applied.

If you were pregnant before the day you applied, you may be eligible for help paying bills back to the date your pregnancy began, but not earlier than three months prior to application.

The Medicaid worker who takes your application will determine for what you may be eligible. Be sure you know the date your pregnancy was verified by a medical professional.

If a Medicaid applicant dies, the estate or survivors could receive backdated coverage for medical bills if an application is made, by the estate or survivors, within three months of the date of death of the applicant.

For More Information Call:

- Medicaid at 1-800-362-3002 (TTY and translation services are available.)
- The county/tribal social or human services department, W-2 agency or Medicaid outstation site in your county.

Information provided in this document is general. To find out more detailed information regarding Backdating or Retroactive Eligibility, please contact your local county/tribal social or human service department.

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